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Canada needs wise leaders

with a strong moral compass

It's been mayhem and Afghans are running out of time, DiManno, Aug. 25

Thanks to Rosie DiManno for ripping away the blindfolds we Canadians have willingly worn for centuries.

While innocent Afghan people and their babies continue to be destroyed by wave after wave of vicious terrorism, we Canadians have willingly closed our hearts and minds so we could enjoy our freedoms. We have fooled ourselves into believing we have the moral high ground, except we don't.

On this terrible day, when we have abandoned the Afghan people to the evil forces engulfing their innocent lives, here we are in the midst of a totally unnecessary federal election.

I hope the Star reprints DiManno's column again and again. It's a clarion call. We have a chance, in this coming election, to elect representatives who possess wisdom, strength and the sound moral compasses that could lead us to a place of courage and compassion for others.

We are all only human beings trying to survive, but with better Canadian leaders, we could be a better nation. We could be better people.

Carol Mason, Etobicoke

Our next PM must take long-term care seriously

After a bitter week of federal campaigning, here's a reason for hope, Aug. 22

In a political battleground filled with constant childlike bickering, tongue wagging and finger-pointing, I am glad to see our country's political leaders agree on at least one point - Canada's long-term-care system is broken and has been for years.

In this article, Heather Scoffield writes, "Every party has a collection of serious proposals for long-term care, and while the amplitude, focus and degree of government intervention differ from party to party, they all agree on the

main elements: The system is broken, it needs infrastructure, more workers, and better options for aging at home. And heaps of federal-provincial co-operation."

Justin Trudeau, Jagmeet Singh and Erin O'Toole - whomever becomes our next prime minister - please show leadership and take responsibility for our failed long-term-care system.

Tears and promises to do better are not enough, we must see action. We needed a long-term-care home "fix" long before now.

If things continue the way they are going, I truly fear growing old.

Rick Lauber, Edmonton

Climate change article hit

nail on the proverbial head

Humans aren't as stupid as they seem - something else is blocking climate action, Opinion, Aug. 25

Linda McQuaig's lucid and succinct description of how the powerful elite in the fossil fuel industry thwart efforts to address climate change and other progressive policies is a novel and refreshing perspective.

Her willingness to make the friend/enemy distinction and dispense with the fiction that a presumed harmony of interests exists between working families and the ultra-wealthy is a mark of moral courage.

Alec Lalonde, Ottawa

Star's front page on Thursday

was a disappointment

Covering half the front page with venomous tweets is appalling. If I wanted to subject myself to that garbage I could go on social media myself.

This is far below the Star's usual journalistic standards.

Lou E. Mason, Toronto

Climate change above all should be our clarion call

Humans aren't as stupid as they seem - something else is blocking climate action, Aug. 25

Corporate power superseding all levels of government must be curbed for the sake of our earth. Corporate influence on governments has valued development and economics above the value of human survival. Even municipalities must be asked, "Of all the land under your control, what is your maximum land coverage?"

Canada has always used population growth as a means to economic stability but this must change for the sake of your children. Other countries have developed stable economies without relying on population growth. As our Western provinces begin to go arid and food crops fail, our feeble climate policies need to change.

Brian Mellor, Midland, Ont.

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